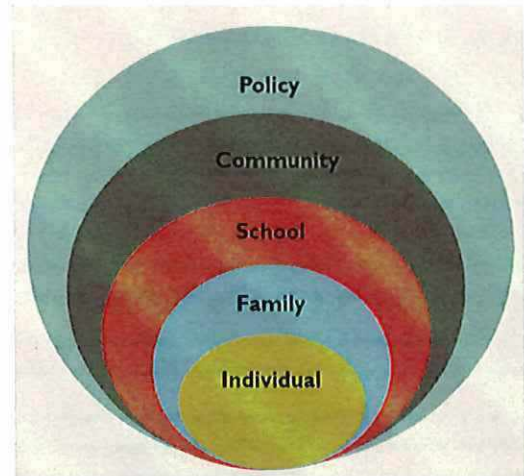


## Liz's MRC Prevention Proposal

*To prevent SUD and to ensure all young people have opportunities for thriving, we must support individual resilience and work to enhance protective factors in the other areas where youth live, learn, work, and play.*



### Individual/Community Level:

What: Support Youth Serving Organizations who work with young people who need more positive youth experiences to reduce their risk for substance use disorder. Also support organizations who work with young people who have been impacted by substance use on community change advocacy projects.

How: Provide \$1.5 Million for 2 years to the Peter Alford Foundation and the Maine Youth Action Network to directly support the youth serving organizations in their Peer Learning Cohorts/ learning communities.

### Family Level:

What: Provide flexible funding to children and families most impacted by substance use disorder. Flexible funding could be used for rent, car repairs, dental appts, etc. Things that can seriously put a family at risk for incarceration, relapse, homelessness, etc. (The Community Caring Collaborative is an example of this program in action)

How: Provide \$700,000 a year for 2 years in flexible funding to organizations already implementing "Whole Family Services" programs. This could be done through the Office of Family Independence that already has contracts for the whole family services or could be done through a philanthropic organization already supporting flexible funding and 2 generation approaches such as JTG.

### Community Level:

Right now, ask the New England Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) (which is currently run by AdCare in Maine) to support a short term prevention workgroup. The workgroup would be made up of some prevention specialists and would work over a defined period of time (say 6 months) to provide recommendations to the council on longer term prevention priorities, including community level prevention strategies, for funding in the next 3-5 years. The PTTC could provide this technical assistance at no cost to the Council as it is covered under their SAMHSA grant.

### School Level: (to be discussed with other possible school funding)

What: Support the implementation of the BARR system in schools. BARR gets schools to a multi-tiered system of support that enables schools to meet the ever growing behavioral health needs of students.

How: Provide \$800,000 (1 time) to Maine DOE to support Year 2 implementation with 71 schools.